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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF

1. AID SUSPENDED ACTION ON COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM PROJECT AT
AF'S REQUEST BECAUSE BUREAU THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO
CONDUCT A SENIOR-LEVEL REVIEW OF THE PROJECT WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF OUR TOTAL RELATIONS BEFORE MOVING ANY
FURTHER TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROJECT WHICH: 1) MIGHT
BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF BILATERAL
RELATIONS AND THEIR LIKELY EVOLUTION, AND 2) MIGHT WELL BE
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ABORTED BY INVOCATION OF HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENT,

IRRESPECTIVE OF POLICY DECISION IN LIGHT OF TOTAL US
RELATIONS. THIS REVIEW IS UNDER WAY. YOU MAY BE ASSURED
WE WILL TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT CONSIDERATIONS YOU HAVE SET
FORTH IN YOUR MESSAGES BEARING ON THIS PROBLEM.

2. REFTEL F WAS INTENDED TO INFORM EMBASSY OF SUSPENSION
OF FURTHER ACTION BY AID ON THIS PROJECT. REGRET POINT
WAS NOT MADE MORE DIRECTLY.

3. SHOULD GPRB INQUIRE ABOUT PROJECT STATUS, SUGGEST
EMBASSY RESPONSE PARALLEL THAT OF DEPTOFF REPORTED
REFTEL E. KISSINGER

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